is no proposal for revamping the E. P. Zones. The functioning of the Zones is however, reviewed from time to time to improve the efficiency in the light of experience gained.

(b) UNCTAD has brought out a study on Export Processing Zones in developing countries. This study generally sets out the scheme of Export Processing Zones, the experience of various countries and suggestions for upgrading the operation of the zones. No specific suggestion has been made in this study in regard to the revamping of Export Processing Zones in India.

1637. [*Transferred to the 18th March*, 1987].

Amendment of official secrets Act

1638. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to plug the loopholes in the Official Secrets Act and make it more stringent by suitably amending the Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Certain proposals are under consideration of Government and it would be premature to disclose the details at this stage due to the sensitive nature of the subject.

Supply of arms and ammunitions ot dealers in Delhi

1639. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have brought out some changes in regard to the guidelines and procedure for supply of arms and ammunition to dealers in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) whether the Central Government have asked the State Governments to issue similar guidelines and procedure to the arms and ammunition dealers in their respective States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rooms in Ranjit Hotel Rented for Commercial Purposes

1640. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rooms given on rent in Ranjit Hotel, New Delhi for the functioning of vaious offices/shops/showrooms;

(b) whether these accommodations were given on rent after giving advertisements in the national dailies for the purpose;

(c) whether the rent is being charged room-wise or sq.ft-wise and what are the charges therefor;

(d) whether some of the office/shops/show-room owners are defaulters in respect of payment of rent; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against such defaulters and how the money will be receovered?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) In all 56 rooms have licensed including 21 rooms to Govt. Departments and 8 rooms to public sector undertakings.

(b) and (c) The advertisements were issued by the Ranjit Hotel Management, one in 1984 and another in 1986. The licensing arrangements in respect of the 56 rooms are based on room tariff with discount by negotiations ranging between 21 per cent to 49 per cent.